THE

CHEVALIER D' INDUSTRIE

TURNED

Prime Minister;

OR, A FAITHFUL

NARRATIVE

OF HIS

CONDUCT,

IN A

DEDICATION of the HISTORY of the antient and most renowned Knighthood of INDUSTRY.

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THE

PREFACE.

TO avoid an ill-natured Imputation, often cast by invidious Criticks on Mr. Dryden, *of writing long Dedications, only for the Sake of swelling his Works to a Price, I determined to print mine alone, and give it* gratis *to my Bookseller.*

IT is to be hoped, this Teſtimony of my Candour and Diſintereſtedneſs will not only procure me the good Liking of the Publick, but alſo a general Subſcription for the grand Work I have in Hand, as ſoon as my Propoſals *are publiſhed. This may not be improper, by Way of Apology, for retailing out my Works in ſo univerſal a Manner.*

TO

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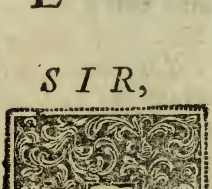
SIR,



HAVE often wondered that so useful and necessary a Work, as the History I here do myself the Honour to dedicate to you, should have escaped the Learned of all Ages to this Time, considering too, what other Volumes have been written on other Orders of *Knighthood*, much inferior to this I have undertaken to celebrate; such as those of the *Garter*, *Thistle*, *Bath*, *Holy Ghost*, *Golden Fleece*, St. *Louis*, the *Spur*, the *Elephant*, that of the *Post*, *cum multis aliis*. I will venture that

to affirm, this is the moſt antient *Order* in the World, and that it has produced more extraordinary Perſonages than all the others put together; nay, it may be eaſily proved too, that few or none ever arrived at high Ranks in other Orders, but ſuch as were ſhining Ornaments of this; a Man muſt neceſſarily be of it to riſe in the World; ſo that it may properly enough be called *the real Fountain of Honour*, among us Moderns, who center all Honours, not in *Probity* and *Virtue*, but in *Wealth* and *Power*.

It is a general Receptacle for Mankind; it takes in Men of all Religions, Ranks, and Denominations, up from a *Newgate* or Treaſury Sollicitor, to the *Ambaſſador* extraordinary, or *Prime Miniſter*. And, what is yet more peculiar, the Clergy, exempted from the Honours of all other Orders, are admitted into this Confraternity; and I will aſſure you, that very many of our own, and even of our *Right Reverends*, make no inconſiderable Figure among the Industrious: But, what is ſtill more ſurpriſing, even the fair Sex, exempted, by Nature, one would think, from Chivalry, are admitted Members of this renowned Order. Many are the Inſtances of female Heroiſm, in the Courſe of this Hiſtory; and very many of our own *Britiſh* Fair, are not more famous for Beauty, than for Industry; but, to our Shame be it ſaid, the *foreign* Belles among us have always excelled our Natives in the laudable Arts of Industry.

Like the preſent Order of *Maltha*, it is conſtituted of a Grand Maſter, honorary only, whom you will preſently gueſs to be his Holineſs of *Rome*;

Rome; and, like that too, every Empire, Kingdom, or State in the World, has its *Grand Prior*, to whom the particular Knights of each Province pay entire Submiſſion. Your own Experience will naturally confirm you in this Truth, by reflecting on the Reſignation and Conformity of the preſent *Knights* of *Great Britain*, to the Will, nay, to the *Nod*, of our reigning *Grand Prior*.

Often have I ſeen you and them engage under his auſpicious Banners, at the utmoſt Peril of your unſullied *Reputations*, and vouch for him, in the greateſt Aſſembly, at the trivial Expence of your *Ver——y*. But ſuch are the diſtinguiſhing Marks by which this Sort of *Shepherd* is to know his Flock. Without theſe Proofs of your Fidelity and Attachment, you had never ſo largely ſhared of his extenſive *Bounties*, nor enjoyed that Right Honourable *Sine-cure*, with which he gratified you a very few Years ago. Without theſe Teſts of your Obedience, you had never been ſo highly careſſed by his *Excellency*, as the World ſays you are: Nor had you been pointed out by the Publick, as a Perſon fit to ſucceed to ſo great a Man, whenever it ſhall pleaſe him to lay down, or be under the fatal Neceſſity of reſigning his high *Office*.

Who then, ſo proper as yourſelf, Sir, that have given ſuch flagrant Proofs of your Addreſs, and early Regard for the Rights and Immunities of the *Order*, to patronize a Hiſtory of the moſt renowned Knighthood of Industry. Your expectative Reverſion of the Office of *Britiſh Grand Prior*, adds to your Title of the Patronage; I therefore dedicate it to you without Heſitation, regardleſs

regardless of what shall be said of me, for thus preferring a Rising to a Setting *Sun*, for the Protector of my Labours.

I foresee the little weekly Dabblers in Politicks will be apt to cry down my Judgment for my Choice of you, in Prejudice of his present *Excellency*, or his old Favorite, Sir *Whisper Spindle*, that had been, for many Years together, the loudest and sprightliest of his *Enfans perdus*, and one too who had so eminently distinguished himself in the Service of the *Order*. But I, who am perfectly skilled in the Knowledge of Futurity, and in the Constitution of human Bodies, despise their Calumny. They may rail on. Time alone must give Evidence of my Foresight in the Choice I make of you. I know my Man, the Strength of his *Lungs*, his Views, and what he is capable of. You are composed, Sir, of pretty near the same Humours and Passions with your great *Leader*; have equal Modesty with him in publick *Assemblies*; and, like him, make Pretension to a Knowledge in *Figures* and publick *Accounts*.

These eminent Qualifications will infallibly, one Day or other, raise you to his high Station, except some unforeseen Accident should immaturely *cut away* your great *Prop*, before he has brought his important *Schemes* to Perfection. I must own, there seems to be very little Prospect of any Thing of this Kind, considering his own natural Industry, the publick Thirst for *Gold*, the present Disregard for *Posterity*, and the Numbers and Unanimity of his *Squadrons*.

The Work will consist of Five large Volumes in *Folio*; so extensive is the Subject! to which I

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shall add a Sixth, by Way of Supplement, giving an accurate Account of the great Personages that fill, at this Time, the high Posts of *Grand Prior* in the several Empires and Kingdoms of the World; such as *Kouly Kan*, the Grand Vizier, Prince *Eug—*, Card. *Fleu—y*, Sen. *Pat—o*, Count *Ost—n*, Count *de Ho—n*, &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

I reckon this last Volume, tho' least in Bulk, to be, by far, the most entertaining, and indeed the most valuable Piece of the whole Work, as it contains the Lives of the present reigning *Grand Priors*, their Births, Parentage, Gifts of Nature, acquired Talents, Intrigues, both Amorous and Political, the Incidents that raised them to Fortune; and, in general, their Negotiations, foreign and domestick, ever since that memorable *Æra* 1720.

Of all my Labours, this is the Tract which I more particularly recommend to your Study, as you entertain Hopes of filling, one Day, the most exalted Post in your native Country. There you will easily trace out *Machiavel* himself, in the various Steps of Government trode by the bright *Genius* you hope to succeed. There you shall see the refined Arts practised by him, for preserving *Tranquillity* at Home, for so many Years, and Peace Abroad, notwithstanding the utmost Efforts of his domestick Enemies, and the jarring Interests of the several Powers of *Europe*; so prudent were all his *Measures*, so justly calculated his *Negotiations!* There you will behold his Knowledge and Regard for the *True* Interest of his Country, by the Encouragements given, in his Time, to *Manufactures*, *Navigation*, and *Com-*

merce: There too shall you see the uncommon *Methods* he used, for endearing the *Prince* to his People, and for raising his Character, amongst them, above any of his Royal Predecessors: There shall you see his Zeal for Religion, in the Promotion of the *Pious* and the *Learned*, and his *Piety* and *Parcimony*, in the Suppression of *Immorality* and *Luxury:* There too his Care of Posterity, in the Discharge of the National Debt, by his frugal Management of the Publick Revenue, and by destroying the infamous Practice of *Bribery*, *Pensions*, and *Corruption*: But, above all, here you shall behold his unusual *self-denying* Methods, for curbing his own natural Lust of *Wealth*, amidst the greatest Affluence and *Opportunities*, that, perhaps, ever Man had before him.

But, that I may not anticipate the Pleasure which the Perusal of the Treatise itself must give you, permit me to pursue my first real Design of pitching upon you, above all others, for its *Patron*; the Scope of which is, to point out to you, who aspire at *Power* and *Dignity*, the *Arts* by which you may arrive at both with Certainty. My Reading and Observation on your most ingenious *Fraternity*, qualify me more, perhaps, than many others, for a Task of this Kind; and, I assure you, great as my Talents may be, I will freely bestow them on you, as not doubting but that they will, one Day, turn to the general Utility of my Country, as well as my own private Emolument.

You are now much about the Age, in which a certain great *Member* of your *Order* began to be taken Notice of. Your Situation in Life; your con-

conſummate, but laudable *Aſſurance*; your Steadineſs in the Purſuit of Wealth at all *Hazards*; your Diſregard of *publick Cenſure*; and, in ſhort, moſt of your other Endowments, of Body and Mind, have a very near Reſemblance to thoſe that were uſeful to the *great Man* mentioned above, towards raiſing himſelf, and puſhing his Fortune in the World. Thus equipped, both by Art and Nature, you will meet no Difficulty in treading a Path ſo lately chalked out by the moſt refulgent Ornament of the Order of INDUSTRY.

As you have already, *like him*, ſwerved from the Principles you were born and bred up in, I don't find it neceſſary to give you any Leſſons on the Nature and Choice of Principle; but chuſe rather to take you up juſt as you are, and lead you forward to Preferment.

You are to ſet out with a fix'd Reſolution of being ever *aſſiduous* at *Court*, and conſtantly *buſy* in *Parliament*. As the one will help to make you familiar with your Superiors, the other will render you of ſome Importance to the Party you ſeem to embrace, and be the Means of raiſing you to ſome diſtinguiſhed Poſt. As ſoon as you ſhall be fixed in your Employment, convince the World of your Talents and INDUSTRY, by making the moſt of your Place, no Matter by what Arts and Contrivances. If you ſhould be detected and turned out, nay, publickly *puniſhed*, even that *Guilt* and Puniſhment may probably, hereafter, prove Circumſtances in your Favour.

SUPPOSING, after this, you ſhould ly by, for a While, and ſquander away your Fortune in Support

port of your Vanities, or Party, no Matter which, some lucky *Death*, Removal, or other Accident, will bring you a second Time into Play: In such Case, you are to display your Sufferings as greatly Meritorious, and owing more to your Principle, or Party, than to real *Demerit*. Upon this Foundation only, I will suppose you raised to a Post of great Eminence, tho' not the highest, that being reserved for the Third and last great Period of your INDUSTRIOUS Life.

IN this Station, you are to lay about you without Mercy; pay off the *Debts* you had contracted, with Employments in your *Gift*; plant your *Brokers* of Office in all Quarters of Town and Country; find Means to displace any *Officer* under you, that won't share with you the *Perquisites* of his Post; dictate to the rest of the Ministry, and pretend to a Superiority, in Right of your Employment and your personal *Qualifications*.

PROCEEDINGS of this Cast, may, indeed, cause your Removal a second Time, and even asperse your Character of *Probity*; but be not cast down at it, nor under Apprehensions of an Impeachment; for it may so happen, that it will be a standing *Maxim* with the Court you serve, never to set on Foot nor encourage a Parliamentary Prosecution against a Minister, however *culpable* and *obnoxious* he may be to the Nation. Publick Enquiries, however they be looked upon as Checks on evil Counsellors, are never to be suffered by future Princes that confide in *Power*, and may not be ambitious of ruling in the *Hearts* of their People.

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THUS free from the Fears of Puniſhment, and grown up to the Size of a City *Plumb*, you may ſafely put on the Guiſe and Appearance of a *Patriot*, loudly inveigh againſt *Penſions*, *Jobbs*, *Corruption*, and, in general, againſt all *Court* Meaſures, as tending to encroach on the Liberties of the Subject, declare it, as your Opinion, on ſome very ſolemn Occaſion, *That the Drudgeries of a Court are too weighty for the Shoulders of any honeſt upright Man*; join with a ſeeming Zeal, if they ſhould be weak enough to receive you, the Party in Oppoſition to the Court; ſpeak in *Parliament* with Contempt of the Miniſtry, and quit the Forms of common *Decency*, even to *Majeſty* itſelf.

I WOULD have you write too ſtill conſiſtent with your Speeches in Publick; your Lucubrations, however languid and unequal to the publick Expectation, muſt abound in trite Invectives againſt *Bribery*, *Taxes*, *Sea Armaments*, *Standing Armies* in Time of Peace, *&c.* This *Mock* Patriotiſm will be a Means of obliterating in the Minds the People your paſt *Frailties* in Office, and beget you Friends you were not able to raiſe to yourſelf, whilſt you were in the Zenith of all your Influence; ſo powerful is the outward Appearance only of Virtue!

THIS new Weight of Intereſt, acquired by your Oppoſition to the Miniſtry, together with the Conſternation into which ſome publick *Calamity* may throw the Court, will be, if I am not miſtaken, a Means of raiſing you to the moſt important, as well as moſt *gainful* Station in the Kingdom, in which it will behove you to uſe

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the utmoſt Efforts of your INDUSTRIOUS *Art*, as, in all Probability, it will be the laſt Scene of your *active* Life.

SET out in this Poſt of Eminence, with making ſome cajoling publick *Contract*, which you will break through, as ſoon as your Purpoſe is ſerved; thus, like a true Proficient of your *Order*, you will grow into Importance, by *betraying* thoſe that had put their Confidence in you; for *publick Faith* is no Article in the Creed of the INDUSTRIOUS.

HERE, perhaps, you may be thought a neceſſary *Stop-gap* to oppoſe a Torrent levelled at ſome unfortunate *great Man*; and, although his Innocence would have clear'd him, if you had never been in Being, yet it would be your Buſineſs to make high Merit of your Services to him, and triumph aloud, in being able to *ſcreen* ſuch overgrown Criminals. Afterwards, if this great Perſon ſhould continue a Favorite with his Prince and Country, let it be your Care to have him put out of the *Way*, leſt his Diſintereſtedneſs ſhould eclipſe your INDUSTRY.

YOUR next Step muſt be, to get rid of them on whoſe Shoulders chiefly you had roſe to Poſterity. Put him of the moſt diſtinguiſhed Character amongſt them, at the Head of ſome very invidious publick *Undertaking*, as a Means for leſſening that Credit with the World, which his own real *Merit* juſtly acquired him. You may imagine to find this of ſingular Uſe to you, if ever this *Perſon* ſhould judge it proper to quit his Subſerviency, from any Diſlike of your *Meaſures*, or your *Morals*: For whatever he may think of a

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Right to Independency in a join'd Administration, you are never to admit of any Thing of the Kind. These subtil, prying, virtuous *Men*, are by no Means to be admitted into the Secrets of a *Minister*, who must be employed chiefly in Jobbs and dirty Work; in Expedients for giving present Ease, without seeing an Inch into *Futurity*; and in forming Schemes for *corrupting* and *enslaving* a free, and a brave, tho' *unfortunate* People.

Thus discharging your Debts of Gratitude, by the Lump, will leave it more in your Power to provide plentifully for your own *needy* and numerous *Family*, whom you are to employ in Posts of the greatest Trust and Confidence, whether capable or incapable. If there should be any *Embassy* more pompous and lucrative than another, you must, by all Means, fill it with one of your near *Relations*. Such a Step will not only give Foreigners a strong Idea of your Power with your Master, but it will likewise be the best Security you can have, if you should think fit to *sink* great Part of the Money allowed for *secret Services* at the Court he goes to.

I will allow, indeed, that the Inequality of your Kinsman to so eminent a Post, either for Talents or *Figure*, may throw your Family, and Country too, into some small Share of Ridicule, both at Home and Abroad. But what of that? The present pecuniary Benefit, and the future Uses which you may make of his *Negotiations*, in Parliament, will greatly out-weigh the *Sneers* of the Publick.

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In order to engross entirely your Prince's Favours, you may think it necessary to give him an ill Impression of his most capable and most faithful Servants; nay, tho' any one of them should have the *Honour* of being *nearly allied* to yourself, Family Alliances are Trifles with one resolved to immortalize his own *Name*. Besides, Men of any Virtue or Penetration are ugly Blocks in the Way of the Industrious: They are strange *Impediments* to the despotick Views of a Minister, determined, at all Hazards, to raise himself on the Ruins of his *Country*. Cringing, weak, wicked, supple Creatures, are, by much, fitter Tools in the Hands of a *Grand Prior* of your *Order*.

If you should, about this Time, form to yourself Apprehensions of any Danger, from the Influence of an *Heir* apparent, or the Virtue, or Sagacity of any of his Servants, be sure to sow Family *Dissention* plentifully; the Reasons for so doing are too obvious for me to mention.

I will now suppose your Wheels of Power rid of all those Clogs that may have, till this Time, hung upon them, and leave you at full Liberty to put in Practice all your favorite Schemes of *Wealth*, without Controul: And the better to answer these Views, it will be expedient for you to lead your Master into many contradictory *Negotiations*, and frequent, tho' unnecessary, *Expeditions*. They will naturally create large Subsidies to foreign Potentates, and their *Prime Ministers* too, for secret Services; and will be Means of expending vast Sums at Home: All which must necessarily pass through your own unblemished *Fingers*. If one's Country were always

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to continue in perfect Tranquillity, the Opportunities for a Minister, of accumulating *Riches*, would not be many. Besides, if ever your Prince should have the Tenderness of entertaining Thoughts of easing his People of any Part of their Burden, you will, by these Means, oblige him to give up all Sentiments of that Kind.

Paying off National Debts, or lessening Taxes, are Things that the Knights of your *Order* have a natural Aversion to, tho' there be nothing they seemingly appear to have more at Heart. And that you may with more Certainty acquire a Character of this last Kind with the Publick, you will appropriate, what you may call the Savings of the Revenue, towards *sinking*, gradually, the National Incumbrance, tho', in the Main, your Intention will be to reserve it as a Fund to to answer some private pinching *Calls* of State, which some notorious wilful Neglect of your own may have *occasioned*.

A seeming Disregard of Titles and Honours will well become a *Chief* of your *Order*; therefore rather *admit* your Prince to confer some *hereditary* Ones in your Family, than accept of any yourself: Not but that I would recommend to you to procure one of the most *distinguished*, to be taken up whenever you shall think it necessary to retire with the dear *Fruits* of your Labours: For you are never to forget, that the Money-giving Part of the Legislature is far more manageable in the Hands of one of their own *Corps* than by any other. Such is the Frailty of human Nature, to be easiest decoyed by *Equals*.

If, in this Plenitude of Power, your Auguſt *Maſter* ſhould be unexpectedly ſnatched away, leaving you the Victim of a *Succeſſor*, but too juſtly irritated againſt you, for the injurious *Slights* put upon him, chiefly by your Means; then, then, my *Patron*, are you to put your Invention to the utmoſt Stretch, and practiſe the moſt refined Arts of your INDUSTRIOUS ORDER. Gently touch each ſoothing String that leads to the *Royal Heart*: Engage your Squadrons, whilſt yet doubtful, if you, or another, is to *command* them, to make *Grants* larger than were asked for, or, even expected; Grants *unparallelled* in the *Britiſh* Annals!

ADD to this Teſtimony of your profound Regard, a future *Proviſion* for a *Conſort* (if then there ſhould happen to be any) who may bear that *Sway*, to which her conjugal Affection, and conſpicuous *Complacency* intitle her. If any faithful old Servant of her's, out of a due Regard to his Country, ſhould decently oppoſe a Profuſion in ſuch *Grant*; nay, tho' he ſhould have your own *Conſent* in the Oppoſition, carefully improve ſo happy an Opportunity to your own Advantage; repreſent his Parcimony, on the Occaſion, as a Mark of his Diſ-eſteem of his Royal Miſtris, and a certain Sign of his Unfitneſs to anſwer the *Royal* Expectation, if he were to fill your high *Station*.

THUS ſhall you be confirmed in Power, without the Fear of being ſupplanted by one whoſe Merit may have been his only *Crime*, and to which, in great Meaſure, it may be ſaid, you are to owe your *Succeſs*.

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To convince the Publick of the Weight of your new-founded Influence, it will be neceſſary, that you procure the Continuance of ſome *One* in an eminent *Poſt*, that had deſerved the higheſt Marks of your Maſter's Reſentment: One, too, with Abilities ſcarcely equal to the moſt inferior Poſt of State, and whoſe only Merit will be his Subſerviency to your abſolute *Self*. A F——— of high Quality adds a Luſtre to the Equipage of a private Man in Power; beſides, as it was obſerved before, ſuch Tools are more governable than Men of far more ſuperior Talents.

As your unexpected Continuance in Power, in ſo critical a Conjuncture, cannot fail of raiſing you new Enemies among a People that may have impatiently enough bore the Exceſs of your Influence in the late Reign, it will ſtand you, upon it, to be extremely vigilant and early in Preparatives againſt their Machinations. Able Pens are to be drawn in your Cauſe, and your Adverſaries are to be painted in the deepeſt Dyes of Diſobedience, Diſloyalty and Diſaffection. Spare no Expence, no INDUSTRY, in procuring Pens of the greateſt Erudition, and moſt poignant Satyr; for nothing denotes a Miniſter's Incapacity, or the Wickedneſs of his Adminiſtration, or *both*, more than a weak or puerile Defence of his Meaſures.

IT may ſo happen, that ſome very great miſrepreſented Stateſman, a bright and ſhining *Genius*, may, about this Time, write, from a Retirement, partly owing to Misfortune, but chiefly to your implacable Hatred of his Merit, and conſummate Knowledge in Affairs of Govern-

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ment; I say, such a one may rise, in pure Love of his Country, and retail out Weekly *Essays*, to warn his Fellow-Subjects against what he may call the evil Tendency of your Administration. In such Case, you are never to admit your Scribes, in Pay, to enter into serious Argument with him; for that, I apprehend, would turn greatly to your own Discredit; but chuse rather to order him to be attacked in such Parts of his Armour, as seem to have been weakened by Slander, Calumny, Falshood, Misrepresentation, Party-Animosities, and a Train of unhappy Circumstances; for there only you can have any Chance of giving the least Scar to this great Man in Obscurity; and even your Success, in this trivial Point, if you should have any at all, which I very much doubt of, will be only in the Opinions of a very few of the *misguided* common Sort.

You must never lose View of that truly *Machiavellian* Maxim, of impoverishing a Nation you would *rule* with Ease; for a People, in Possession of Wealth and Affluence, seldom give up their Liberties tamely. In order to this, you will find it necessary to introduce Luxury amongst them, in all its alluring Shapes; of Buildings, costly Furniture, gay Equipage, rich Birth-day Suits, expensive Diversions, *&c.* for *Poverty* naturally follows, so necessary towards paving the Way for that darling ministerial Engine, *Corruption*.

You must likewise take proper Steps, for sacrificing her Trade and Commerce to the Encroachments of her Neighbours; and if any foreign

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Powers, however impotent at *Sea*, ſhould think fit to diſturb her *Navigation*, let them do it with Impunity. But, if the aggrieved Subjects ſhould, at any Time, raiſe Clamours which you cannot, with any Decency, avoid taking Notice of, apply ſuch Remedies only as may *ſtifle* the publick Reſentment for the preſent, without any real Purpoſe of Redreſs.

To carry on the ſame laudable Views, it will be abſolutely neceſſary, that a conſiderable National *Force* be conſtantly kept on Foot, and large Subſidies paid to foreign Princes, for keeping the like at your Diſpoſal, in caſe of *Neceſſity*. Thus ſhall the Enemies to your Adminiſtration be awed into Obedience; for as to the Affections of the People, they muſt be the leaſt of your Care; and thus ſhall you prevent the ill Conſequences that may be juſtly apprehended from the Novelty of a Standing Army, in a Country of Liberty and Freedom, and the Exorbitance of the Sums raiſed annually on the People, in Times of ſeeming Peace and Tranquillity.

It muſt be remembred too, that no Diminution is ever to be made in thoſe Branches of the Revenue that more immediately affect your native *Manufactures*; for no Methods will more probably *hurry* on the Work of Impoveriſhment, than luſtily clogging thoſe Nerves of the National Wealth.

And here let me put you in Mind, of never giving Way to Petitions for remedying any palpable Decays in your Manufactures, but eſpecially in the *Woollen*, that Spring of all our Wealth

Wealth and Power: But if, at any Time, the Generality of the Murmurs and Complaints ſhould drive you to a ſeeming Approbation of the Meaſures concerted for that End, be ſure you take proper Means for rendring them abortive. You won't find any Thing of this Kind difficult in a certain great Aſſembly, (however revered for Honour and Integrity heretofore) where you muſt always have the greateſt Influence, whilſt you can *give*, and Lords will act like S—. You may ſafely throw all your Drudgeries of this Nature, on a Corps in which the Virtuous will be few in Number, and your Votaries many. The INDUSTRIOUS Knights, in *Lawn*, will be ever ſubmiſſive to your high Commands, whilſt there are ſuch Things as G—d and Tranſlations, and *Lambeth* is ſo near the *painted Chamber*.

As for the far-famed Northern Bands, who had diſpoſed, long ſince, of their own L——ies, you are not to doubt of their Reſignation to your Will, whilſt you have it in your Power to beſtow. Theſe are a Sort of honourable *Swiſs*, that always march under his Banners who bids moſt for their Services. If there ſhould be any Exceptions among that *wiſe* People, you will generally find they proceed more from your Adoption of one Party amongſt them, in Prejudice of another, than from any Contempt of your *Favours*. No Nation can travel at a cheaper *Rate* than this hardy People: It were to be wiſhed your native houſhold *Troops* could be brought to be contented with foreign *Pay*.

You may find yourſelf, indeed, abandoned, in Courſe of Time, by even the moſt *zealous* of that penetrating

penetrating People, whenever they ſhall chance to have their Eyes opened, and ſee through your Deſigns of *Oppreſſion*; but it may ſo happen, that you may have already gone ſuch Lengths, as will render their Deſertion from you of very little Conſequence.

I COULD name *one* of that INDUSTRIOUS People, that will be of ſingular Uſe to you, if he ſhould be ſtill living, in your Adminiſtration. His Birth and Alliances, his great natural and acquired Talents, his Art in publick Debates, his Diſſimulation, Avarice, and Luſt of Power, tho' even in a ſubordinate Degree, his Irreligion, and Love of Confuſion, and, in fine, very many other INDUSTRIOUS Qualifications, render him capable of eminently aſſiſting a *Grand Prior* of your *Order*, in his Attempts upon a free People.

AND here it may be needleſs to recommend to you, that are naturally a Latitudinarian, to introduce the Practice of *Atheiſm* and *Impiety* among thoſe you would enſlave. You muſt believe, that Senſuality, in all its Branches, Perjury, Corruption, and a Train of other uſeful *Vices*, will be the Conſequence of both; they will naturally, too, lead the Bulk of the People to a Diſregard of *Poſterity*, a Conſideration abſolutely neceſſary for their concurring in an Invaſion of their own Liberties.

EXAMPLE, and particularly that of the *Great*, ſeldom fails of carrying away the Unthinking, always the Majority of a Nation, from their Duties, both moral and divine: But if you would deſtroy a Senſe of both in them, ſuddenly and effectually, chuſe for them ſuch *Chiefs*, in Religi-

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on, as are moſt likely to anſwer your Views; Men little famed for Learning, and diſtinguiſhed for *Heterodoxy* and depraved *Morals*.

THE Secrets of the Cabinet and the Exchequer will always furniſh you with Means of cauſing frequent Fluctuations in our publick *Funds*; immenſe Sums may be raiſed this Way; it will be as ready a Method, as any I know of, for inſenſibly impoveriſhing a ſtubborn People, and laying up a plentiful Proviſion againſt a wet *Day*.

AND, if ever the entire Regulation of a *Weapon*, ſo dangerous in the Hands of an INDUSTRIOUS Miniſter, ſhould be propoſed by your Enemies, it is needleſs for me to tell you after what Manner you are to determine of its Fate; like that, of every Thing elſe, that may claſh with your Intereſt, or Scheme of Dominion. The Knights, with *Commanderies*, will readily ſupply you with the Means, in either the Right or Left *Wings* of your *Forces*. As for the *Main* of your Army, it ought never to be drawn out but on extraordinary Occaſions, ſuch as aſſiſting you in quelling Inſurrections, caſhiering *Mutineers* in your *Wings*, or covering your *Retreat* in ſome very great *Emergency*.

I SHOULD hope, from a judicious Execution of this Scheme of Government, that the *People* will, by this Time, be full *ripe* for the *Yoke*, deſigned for them, from the Beginning of your *Adminiſtration*: But if, contrary to all human Expectation, they ſhould happen to be *rouſed* from the political *Lethargy* you had caſt them into for many Years together, and they ſhould penetrate into your Intentions, through the beſt covered Diſguiſe,

guise, make an intrepid and bold Retreat, openly casting at their own Doors the fresh Burdens they must be loaded with, and any future Calamity that may befal them; vowing, at the same Time, Revenge for their Obstinacy, in not agreeing to the Choice of *easy* Manacles you had projected for them.

But if, after all your Flourishes of an affected *Courage*, they should still persist in their Contumacy, and even proceed to open Threats and Menaces; in such Case, you may, indeed, draw out the *main Body* of your Forces to your *Aid*, as necessary to silence the publick Clamour, or share with you, at least, the pretended *Iniquity* of the Undertaking.

It is a Privilege annexed to the Office of *Grand Prior*, to have Leave, on Occasion, to *squat* behind the *Throne*, and even oblige her to take to herself Loads too unweildly for their own Shoulders. The Infallibility, which some Time-serving Lawyers ascribe to that venerable Elbow *Chair*, seems to authorize this Practice. It is true, indeed, that our *wisest* Rulers, at all Times, have been very sparing in the Use of this Prerogative; and therefore were Ministers, in all such Reigns, exceeding cautious in the Discharge of their Function; but the late Revolution seems to have adjusted this Point to the general Satisfaction. We are greatly ridiculed by learned Foreigners, for assigning Infallibility to our Kings, at the same Time that we refuse it to our Church. But to return to our Subject.

As your Miscarriage in an Attempt of this high Importance, (which the uninformed *Multi-*

tude will reasonably imagine should draw down immediate Vengeance upon you) may, contrary to their Hopes, turn out to your Advantage, and rivet you but the more firmly in the good Opinion of your indulgent and *discerning* Master, so it will engage you to be more obsequious, if possible, than you had been, to his Royal Will, for the Time to come; and not only carefully improve, for him, his own particular *Revenues*, but also assist him most liberally with those of the Publick, towards carrying his future laudable Views, of Peace or *War*, into Execution.

If happily a War should break out on the Continent, during your Administration, (to which your own unnatural Alliances, and your contradictory Carriage towards the several contending Powers, may have chiefly contributed) neglect not a Conjuncture so favourable to your own Views, and the *Martial* Genius of your *Master*, who now will be furnished with Opportunities of indulging his Inclinations, making a Figure at the Head of numerous Armies, and exercising his warlike Talents, in Defence of his own *Possessions*, or in Vindication of some favorite *Ally*.

Thus shall you have a most specious Pretence of augmenting the Number of our National Troops, more heavily loading a mutinous and discontented People, and for giving a mortal *Stab* to the consumptive Trade of your Country. It may not, however, be amiss to delay, for a While, an intended Declaration of War, that the Conquests of one of the contesting Parties may render

render a great *Expence*, and the Protraction of the War, the more neceſſary.

A long and expenſive War, perhaps an unſucceſsful one too, glorioufly precipitates the Ruin of a gloomy head-ſtrong *People*, that you had taken effectual Care ſhould not be disburdened of former Incumbrances, in the Courſe of many Years ſeeming Tranquillity.

The Flames of War can never more opportunely break out for you, than at the Eve of an approaching Election of Parliament; as the ſeeming Safety of the very State itſelf will furniſh you with a plauſible Pretext of continuing the *Preſent*, that had ſo eminently diſtinguiſhed itſelf in ſupporting your Meaſures; but if, on ſounding the Individuals of your *Troops*, you ſhould find an Innovation of this Kind impracticable, as imagining that a general Confuſion muſt be the Conſequence of it, and ſo be obliged to drop the Deſign for Self-Preſervation; ſtill, I ſay, you will be the better enabled, by the Increaſce of the *Revenue*, to pay profuſely for a new Choice of your *Favorites*; or, if you ſhould fail in that, you will more abundantly have the Means in your Hands, of ſecuring, afterwards, the *Suffrages* of thoſe that may have made Court to the Electors, by their open Diſlike of, or Oppoſition to your *Miniſtry*.

No Industry, no Flattery, no Expence, is to be ſpared in procuring a Majority in Parliament; for, as a Miniſter can never be truly ſaid to be *ſafe* without it, ſo likewiſe will he never be able to execute his deep *Deſigns* on the People, without the Concurrence of their Repreſentatives.

It may, with more Truth, be said of *Great Britain*, what the famous *Melanchton* propheſied of *Germany*, *Si Turca in Germaniam veniet, veniet per Poloniam.* If ever *Britain* ſhould become a Province to any foreign Power, or a Prey to the aſpiring Views of one of her own *Sons*, by a Diſſolution of her well-framed Conſtitution, it will, it muſt, be by her Parliaments.

Upon the Event of a new Election; and, indeed, throughout the whole Courſe of your Adminiſtration, it will be your Intereſt, ſtrenuouſly to prevent a *Coalition* of Parties, if ever an Attempt of that dangerous Nature ſhould be ſet on Foot by the Enemies to your Proſperity; for as you muſt neceſſarily owe your *Riſe* to Party, you are to ſubſiſt by Party and Diviſion; and therefore it muſt be a Maxim with you, never to be departed from, to ſupport Party-Diſtinction, and, by a continued Fermentation, never to ſuffer the Spirit of it to die away among the People.

You will find this more particularly uſeful to you, in your Deſigns on the Diſſenters; a Set of People that have been always *Weak* enough to look on Party-Diſſention, as the Bulwark of the Toleration which they enjoy. They may ſtill act upon this miſtaken Principle, and, perhaps, join you (that, I am to ſuppoſe, had often deluded them with Promiſes of more extenſive Liberty) in this View, and in Pique to the Men who ſet a *Coalition* on Foot, more than from an Approbation of your *Meaſures*, or any *Faith* in your Aſſeverations. You have a pregnant Inſtance of this in the Reign of King *James* the

Second.

Second. Who more fawning or cringing to that Prince's *Miniſtry*, or more warm in Addreſſes to the *Throne*? And who more ſlow in Reſiſtance, in that Time of common Danger?

The Influence of the great Companies will very much add to your Weight, in all your Undertakings of Moment, particularly in Elections of Parliament; and that you may the more cloſely fix them to your Intereſt, you are to *ſcreen* them, and the Individuals of them, at all Times, from National *Enquiries*. Acts of *Grace* for the Industrious are infinitely more ſalutary than publick Reſearches, to which you muſt never give Way, on any Pretence whatſoever. An Inſpection into the Malverſation of an *Inferior*, may inſenſibly draw after it an Enquiry into the Conduct of a *Superior*. Beſides, that it would be perfect Contradiction, for *one* that is to raiſe and ſupport himſelf by *Fraud*, *Deceit* and *Corruption*, to ſuffer Delinquents of this Caſt to be brought to Puniſhment.

I had almoſt forgot to caution you againſt the Intrigues and Power of the great Trading Towns and Cities of the Kingdom, particularly that of *London*. As this great *Repoſitory* of our Wealth may be inclined to oppoſe your Attempts againſt the common *Liberty*, it will be neceſſary that you let the Nation ſee in how contemptible a Light ſhe appears to you and your Party. Let her be notoriouſly ſlighted and deſpiſed, on ſome very ſolemn publick Occaſion of Joy and *Congratulation*; and whenever *one* of her Members, famed for Zeal, Integrity, and Wiſdom, ſhall propoſe Laws, ever ſo neceſſary for the

the publick *Weal*, reject them with Scorn, as coming from him, that the whole City may be convinced of your Disregard and Contempt of *her* and her *Sons*, however deservedly revered by the Publick. A truly INDUSTRIOUS Minister, such as I foresee you will become, is, at no Time, to suffer, with Impunity, an Opposition from saucy, impertinent, Purse-proud Mechanicks; let them be reduced to the Condition of *Beggars*, such as they must really be brought to, before you can, with any Safety, bring about your great Designs of *Slavery* and *Oppression*.

AND that they, and the whole Nation, may be convinced, beyond any Contradiction, of your Influence, your Steadiness, and the Uniformity of your *Administration*; it will be necessary, that, at one *bold Stroke*, you procure your Master to be *intrusted* with the Lives, Liberties, and Fortunes of all your Fellow-Subjects.

A POWER of this high and unusual *Nature*, vested in him, without any Limitation, can never be given him more opportunely, than just before the Dissolution of one *Parliament*, and the Election of another; for you will not only thereby strengthen his Hands, in an Interval of such seeming Danger and Confusion, towards crushing such *Malecontents* as your own upright *Measures* cannot fail of creating, among a People obstinately bent on the Preservation of their Liberties; but it will likewise prove the most effectual Means of intimidating and *frightening* the Bulk of the Electors into Obedience and Subserviency, a Point so necessary to a *Minister* like you, that can propose to himself no Sort of Confidence

fidence in their *Affections*, nor Approbation of his *Miniſtry*.

THUS, Sir, I have kept my Promiſe with you, endeavouring, like another *Mentor*, to chalk out for you, ſuch Out-Lines of Government as are moſt likely to anſwer your Views of Power and *Wealth*; Views great and laudable, as they muſt be calculated to reform the *Conſtitution* of your Country, ſeeming to you crazy and feeble by its long Duration. Your own Experience, young as you are, will ſupply any Deficiencies in the Maxims laid down by me in the Courſe of this Paper.

THIS *Herculean* Work of Reformation ſeems reſerved for you, who cannot be matched in your own, or, perhaps, in any other Country in *Europe*. And now, Sir, permit me to recommend the Protection of my poor Labours to you, in wiſhing you the juſt *Rewards* of your *own*; and that if, at any Time hereafter, the Publick ſhould think the common Safety required a general Inſpection into your Conduct, you may find a *Maſter* who will chuſe rather to fall along with you, than give you up a Victim to a National Reſentment.

I am, &c.

FINIS.